

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) A device for the sorting of flat mailings comprising pouches (6) for individual mailings (4), circulating on a conveyor belt on two levels, the emptying of which may be controlled corresponding to the read target address and the sorting plan, ~~characterized in that~~ with the total circulation in the pouch loop (5) ~~is being~~ carried out in several partial loops, and with the level transitions for each partial loop being positioned adjacent to one another within the total circulation, ~~wherein~~ characterized in that at each level transition the conveyor belt is diverted inwards and ~~wherein~~ that pouch loading stations (10) are arranged adjacently for each partial loop on the lower level.
2. (original) The device according to claim 1, characterized in that a buffer device (2) with circulating buffer pouches (3) is provided between the two levels of the circulating pouches (6) and which may be fed by one or more feeder stations with separating devices (1) and subsequent reading devices and whose buffer pouches (3), which may be controllably emptied, transfer the mailings to the pouch loading stations (10).
3. (original) The device according to claim 1, characterized in that unloading stations (11), for the additional removal of mailings (4) are arranged before the pouch loading

stations (10) in transport stations in the planar extension of the pouch loop (10).